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1. Department B (Abteilung B), the Courier Section of the East German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAA), has been greatly limited in size and functions. It now has nothing further to do with passport matters, which have been transferred to Main Department IV, Consular Matters. Department B's only remaining function is to handle the international couriers of the Ministry.
2. The following personnel are known to be employed in Department B: 25X1
  - a. Ruider (fnu), Department Head, formerly with the KVP.
  - b. Engel (fnu - female)
3. Main Department IV, Consular Matters, has had a great increase of personnel within the last few months. Since East Germany has been granted sovereignty, the work of this Main Department has grown considerably. One of the new tasks assigned is the responsibility for passport matters at both the central level and at the border control points. In order to speed up passport formalities at East Germany's various borders, so-called "flying border stations" have been set up. The personnel for these stations is hired and trained by Main Department IV.
4. With the addition of the responsibility for passport matters to Main Department IV, a Passport Section was set up within the Main Department. The following personnel are known to be currently assigned to this Section:
  - a. Kaethe Reiche, Section Chief, formerly head of Department B.
  - b. Ruth Beyer, formerly employed in Department B.
  - c. Johanna Stamm, formerly employed in Department B, is approximately 20 years old. She is the daughter of Hans Stamm, driver for Georg Handke, State Secretary in the Ministry. She lives in the bachelors' quarters of the Ministry, Berlin-Niederschöenhausen (Soviet Sector), Grabbeallee.
  - d. Heinrich Weidemann, formerly employed in Department B.

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- e. Martin Kuchler, formerly employed as a driver in the MAA, is responsible for taking passports to the Ministry of the Interior in Glinkastr., for approval.
  - f. Wolfgang Scheibke, formerly employed as a driver in the Ministry.
5. The Department for the Care of Diplomats (Abteilung fuer die Betreuung der Diplomaten - BBD) is responsible for the servicing, maintenance, and installation of all foreign missions assigned to East Germany. It is rumored that this Department is scheduled to move from the main Ministry offices in Berlin-Mitte (Soviet Sector), Luisenstr. 56. An unspecified location in Karlshorst has been mentioned as a possible location for the Department. The following personnel are known to be employed in this Department:
- a. Ubold Igowsky, Department Head, formerly employed in the Personnel Division of the Ministry.
  - b. Olga Schmidt
  - c. Jutta Beltermann
  - d. Walter Karg, responsible for real estate matters
  - e. Handke (fau), responsible for finances
  - f. Bechtle (fau), responsible for vehicles, fuel, and the issuance of CD (Corps diplomatique) license plates.
  - g. Charlotte Stieler
  - h. Kriebel (fau)
  - i. Hassel (fau), in charge of packing and crating
  - j. Werner (fau - Fraulein)
  - k. Bierbach (fau), wife of the Ministry SED Party Secretary, Martin Bierbach, residing in Berlin-Pankow, Hallandstr.
6. With the granting of sovereignty to East Germany, the importance of the Protocol Department of the Ministry has increased. In line with this growing importance, new personnel have been assigned to the department. The following personnel were known to be working in this department as of September 1954:
- a. Ferdinand Thun (NDP), Department Head
  - b. Anton Nosty (SED), deputy to Thun, formerly employed in Department A - the Code Department of the Ministry. Nosty lives in the Ministry's office building, Berlin-Mitte, (Soviet Sector), Luisenstr. 56.
  - c. Helene Harnisch, secretary
  - d. Johanna Mueller, receptionist
  - e. Bornemann (fau), receptionist
7. The Ministry maintains direct cable communications with its embassies and consulates overseas. This communication is the responsibility of the highly-classified Department A - Code Department. The following personnel were known to be assigned to this department as of September 1954:

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- a. Erhard Schierz, Chief Operator
- b. Alfred Rippschlaeger<sup>2</sup>
- c. Rippschlaeger (fnu - Frau), wife of Alfred Rippschlaeger

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1.  Comment: Thun, coming from an aristocratic background and being a member of the NDP, does not have the full confidence of the SED. He, however, is the only person in the Ministry who understands protocol matters and even the highest functionaries in the East German government take orders from him at diplomatic functions. In order to have one completely reliable SED man in this department, however, Nosty, who formerly worked in the highly-classified Department A of the Ministry, was appointed as Thun's deputy.

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2.  Comment: Alfred Rippschlaeger and his wife, both SED members and allegedly convinced Communists, worked in the East German Mission in Peking prior to taking their present jobs.

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